

**Governor's Council on Disability
Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2007**

Council Members Present/Participating:

Dan Card, Karen Benson, Joseph Colagiovanni, Mike Esser, Kathleen Fagin, Matthew Hughes, Mary Ellen Jenison, Susan Orton, Donna Pavlick (by phone), Renee Powell

Council Members Not Present/Participating:

Edward Duff, Mikael Fredholm, Pat Gallagher, Stephanie Logan, Todd Mayfield, Sarah Olson, Joe Sartorius, Dr. Hani Soudah, Molly Tallarico

Department Liaisons:

David DeWitt (MO-DOT), Nancie McAnagh (DHSS), Robin Rust (DMH), Carol Thoenen (DHSS)

Staff: Linda Baker, Donna Borgmeyer, Claudia Browner

Guests: Heidi Dee, Erin Field, Katie Juettner, Marcie Lubbert, Jennifer Power

Real Time Captioner: Debbie Reithmeyer

Chair Dan Card called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM. A roll call confirmed that there was a quorum for the meeting. The Council members unanimously approved the meeting minutes from the January meeting, the meeting minutes from the special meeting in February, and the agenda for the day.

Report from Council Chair Dan Card:

Dan Card introduced Linda Baker as the new Executive Director of the Governor's Council on Disability. He announced that Linda Baker began her appointment on March 1, 2007.

Report from Executive Director Linda Baker:

Linda Baker handed out her report for January 19 – April 20, 2007 and summarized the report.

Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (MYLF):

The Governor's Council on Disability (GCD) has received 15 applications for participation in the MYLF.

Six alumni will be coming to participate in the MYLF.

Alumni from previous years are involved in the planning and recruiting process.

A DVD about the program, which was developed by Reuters news agency as an in-kind donation to the program, is now available on the GCD website. Edward Jones Company developed and donated a Public Service Announcement about the program.

Legislative Update:

The weekly Legislative Update has been sent to more than 900 people during this session.

Poster & Journalism Contest:

This is the first year that the contests were split into two age groups: middle school and high school. The GCD received more than 400 entries. The awards for this year's Poster & Journalism Contest winners will be presented at the Power Up conference in Columbia on April 23, 2007. Dan Card asked if any Council members would be available to attend this presentation. Renee Powell volunteered to attend.

Lunch & Learn Series:

Linda stated that she would like to expand the lunch & learn series to include more disability related programs.

Business Leadership Network:

Linda explained that the Missouri Business Leadership Network is trying to expand through the assistance of the disability navigator initiative. Sixteen disability navigators were hired by the career centers throughout Missouri to educate Missouri Career Center staff and employers about the untapped labor pool of people with disabilities. Linda reported about three upcoming Disability 101 spring seminars in St. Louis.

Other initiatives:

Linda reported about a STEM grant between Kansas University and the University of Missouri in Rolla to increase enrollment of students with disabilities in non-traditional careers in science, math and engineering.

Disability Program Specialist position:

Linda stated that the position announcement will be open through June 1, 2007 and that the position would be located in the Jefferson City office. The person in this position will be working on the youth programs and covering the entire state.

Introductions were made following Linda's report.

Department Liaison Information:

Nancie McAnagh (DHSS) gave an update on Senate Bill 705 (Mayer) relating to the liability of health care professionals in emergency situations. This act would allow health care providers from any state to provide care as necessitated by an emergency declared by the Governor, subject to approval by the State Emergency Management Agency. The professionals would not be liable for administrative penalties or civil damages for failure to exercise ordinary care.

Because of liability issues, it has been very difficult to get health care professionals to assist in special needs shelters.

Nancie McAnough also reported that DHSS is currently working on issues such as the distribution of antibiotics and shortage of ventilators in case of a pandemic flu or other emergency situations.

A discussion about liability issues in emergency situations followed. Dan Card offered assistance from the GCD to DHSS and recommended asking for a representative from the Department of Insurance to be on the Council.

In this context, Karen Benson reminded the Council that the GCD website should include a link to the Special Needs Task Force information.

After a short break, Robin Rust gave an update for the Department of Mental Health. She announced that Dr. John Heskitt is the new director for Children's Mental Health.

Robin Rust gave the website address for updates about the transformation grant:

<http://www.dmh.mo.gov/transformation/transformation.htm>

David DeWitt (MO-DOT) reported about current highway projects in Missouri, specifically in St. Louis. Joseph Colagiovanni brought up his concerns about the safety of the Metro station on Clayton Road. Linda Baker pointed out that she is a member of the Metro Advisory Committee and that Metro is aware of the safety issue concerning this and other metro stations. The committee is working with municipalities to improve the safety of the metro stations. East/West Gateway Coordinating Council is in charge of disbursing the federal funds and needs to get the municipalities on board. David DeWitt stated that he would take this topic under advisement in his department.

Action Item: Contact Department of Insurance to ask for one of their representatives to be a liaison for the Council (Linda Baker).

Provide a link to the Special Needs Task Force information on GCD website.

Renee Powell, Katie Juettner and Marcie Lubbert gave a program presentation to the Council. Topic of the presentation was **"Nothing about us without us": Dialogue and Perspectives on Disabilities.**

Committee Meetings:

In lieu of breaking out into the different committee meetings, the Council members held an informal committee meeting to discuss various issues.

Legislative Education Project

Karen Benson reported that Renee Powell and Michelle Krajewski have developed an evaluation form for the LEP to be completed by the participants. This tool will be used to improve the program for future participants.

Sue Orton recommended that each new Council member should attend one LEP session, but noted that the related travel expenses (hotel/meals) were a concern. Karen Benson told the Council members to contact her if they needed financial assistance in

order to attend LEP. She said there are scholarships available from the Independent Living Centers.

GCD website:

Dan Card asked if the GCD website needed to be updated again to include more links to relevant disability-related information. The Council members and department liaisons discussed the importance of current and accurate website information. Joe Colagiovanni recommended a mailing to solicit private agencies to be part of our resource directory on the website. Dan Card asked Karen Benson, Joe Colagiovanni, Renee Powell, and Sue Orton to work on updating the website to include public and private resources and information. He also asked for the input from Nancie McAnagh, Robin Rust, and David DeWitt.

Programs Committee:

Senator Kevin Engler will be presenting at the July Council meeting.

Mary Ellen Jenison pointed out that her term as a Council member ends in October.

Dan Card responded that he would contact the Governor's office to get new members appointed to the Council to replace those whose terms have ended.

Action item: Continue working on updating the GCD website.
Contact Governor's office to get new Council members appointed (Dan Card).

The Council adjourned for lunch at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

The Council meeting continued as an informal meeting since there was no longer a quorum.

Public Comment

Jennifer Power from Allsup, Inc. gave a presentation about the Allsup agency. The agency assists people with disabilities in filing for disability benefits. More information is available at www.allsupinc.com

Committee Reports:

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.

The next Council meeting will be held Friday, July 20, 2007 at 9:30 AM at the Governor's Office Building in Jefferson City, Room 470.

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Summary of Action Items:	Person Responsible:
Contact Department of Insurance to ask for representation on the Council.	Linda Baker
Provide a link to the Special Needs Task Force information on GCD website.	Linda Baker
Continue working on updating the GCD website.	Linda Baker and Council members.
Contact Governor's office for appointment of new Council members.	Dan Card

Minutes by Claudia Browner, Executive I
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